

August 16, 2017

Mr. Robert Kaplan Acting Regional Administrator US EPA Region 5 77 W. Jackson Blvd., R-19J Chicago, IL 60604-3507

Mr. Kaplan,

Thank you for traveling to the Reservation for yesterday's meeting regarding the Haskell Lake Contamination Site. I am encouraged by your commitment for cleanup of the source area in the very near term. Our participation in the follow-up conference call to discuss the source area options with EPA experts is confirmed for August 28, 2017. We look forward to a proposed agenda and participant list.

I understand EPA is moving forward with the Excavation Feasibility Study with an EPA Start contractor. Please keep me apprised of the progress of this endeavor.

The open frank discussion of site options and planning is late in coming but appreciated. I expect you will continue to keep me apprised of all Haskell Lake Site planning and pending decisions.

I recognize your commitment to resolve access problems. USGS will be present onsite the week of August 28, 2017. Your assistance facilitating access to the source property for water level and hydraulic conductivity testing is appreciated.

Lastly, the MOU presented to EPA on August 9, 2016 was discussed. Formalizing the EPA-Tribe regulatory relationship and shared expectations is needed.

Sincerely

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